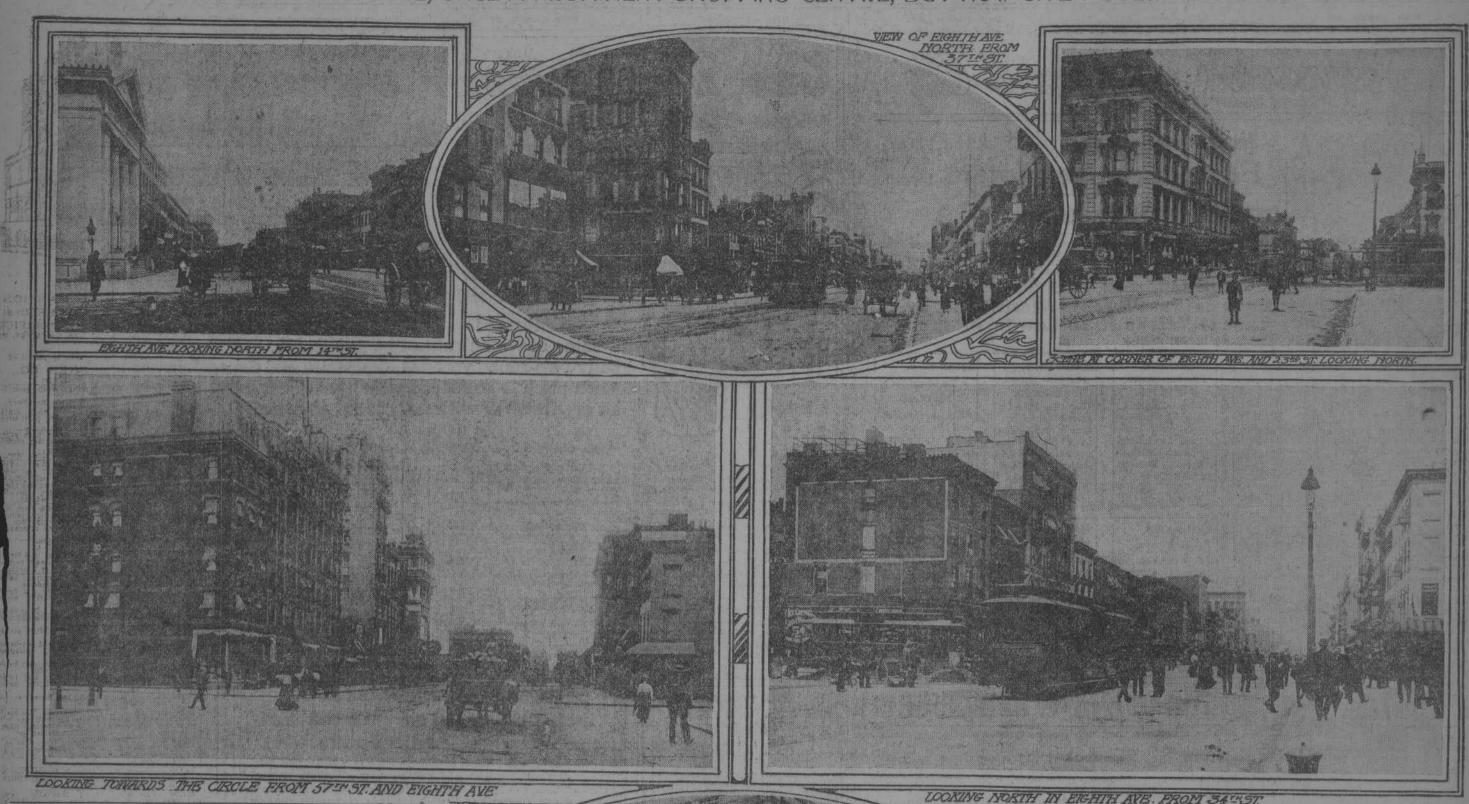
SOME GLIMPSES OF EIGHTH AVENUE, ONCE A PROMINENT SHOPPING CENTRE, BUT NOW GIVEN OVER TO MERELY LOCAL TRADE



Buying of West Side Houses a Market Feature

Long Predicted Tendency to Equalization Between Upper West Side and East Side Values Sets In.

LESS EXPENSIVE DWELLINGS FIND FAVOR

Apartment House and Tenement Rentals Are Being Raised by Reason of the Building Strike-United States Realty's Recent Statement.

So far as the actual dealing in real estate vate houses just east of Central Park was ment last week, the feature of chief in most in evidence last year, more than one terest was the purchasing of dwellings on shrewd observer pointed out that the disdo as a the sixual facility in resistant and the sixual facility in resistant and the sixual facility in residence last year. The sixual facility is a company per per period out that the discovery with these transactions were sixual for the sixual facility of the sixual faci

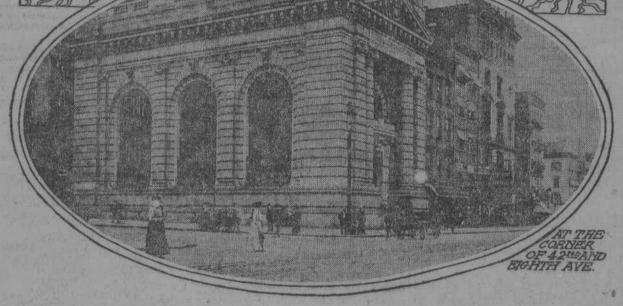


riously scrambling to take advantage of that disposition and make quick profits. Fifth avenue's prominence seems assured for an indefinite time to come, but its tuture influence on the side streets seems to rest on a less stable basis.

With the completion of the Rapid Transit system the appeal of the west side to the home buyer will be strengthened. Its powers as a competitor will be considerably reinforced. Beyond this, it will get the advantage over its easterily rival which a lecrease in buoyant prosperity always tends to confer on articles of moderate price as against those which are unduly expensive. When times grow hard the dealers in luxuries are badly hit. Those who sell the necessaries of life and the inexpensive things that make for comfort always have a market. Thousands of those men who are ordinarily able to pay xtravagant prices for houses have lost heavily this year in the decline of the prices of their securities. The same influmee now tending to reduce the volume of

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entertaining at Newport is bound to make they were a few months ago. In some sections of the city are in great demand. tiself feit in New York real estate. All cases expensive dwellings in the district the more is this influence likely to work out in a district where heavy speculation has resulted in boosting prices to unreasonably high levels.

Tenements were never producing better incomes. Store and loft buildings show the investor handsome returns on his equities, while relieving him of the risk he high levels.

\$2,500 a year. He finds that a house in West Eighty-fifth street not far from Riv-erside Drive, for which \$2,300 was asked last spring, cannot now be rented at less than \$2,700 a year. Realty Investments Paying Well.

Although in a few weak sections, as in the Sixties and Seventies just east of the Park, a decline in values would be no source of astonishment. It is difficult to see how those who predict a general real estate slump make out their case. The basis of realty investments is rental return. While trade is active and the poople of the city are prosperous rents are sure to be good. The prosperity of New York. by virtue of conditions long existing, de-pends upon the prosperity of the country, and reports as to the condition of general business in all parts of the United States afford no occasion for worriment. As against the possibility of a decrease in trade activity must be set the fact that rents now are not only justifying the prices paid for land and buildings, but are being raised. Apartment houses in all

Eighth Avenue Now the Home of Brisk Local Retail Trade

Rentals in the Thoroughfare Are Good and Values Have Advanced Upward of Ten Per Cent in Two Years-Ancient Prestige Gone.

It cannot be maintuined by any sort of argument that the substantial increase in values which has been apparent in Seventh avenue properties is equalled by any means by Eighth avenue's realty. Still, Eighth avenue has not lagged—especially from just north of Thirty-fourth street up to Fifty-ninth street—which is the section under consideration in this article. Prices there in some cases are nearly one-third above what they were two years ago, and the testimony of conservative brokers

REAL ESTATE STATISTICS. The following table, compiled by the Record and Guide, shows the number or transfers, mortgages and plans for new buildings filed in Manhattan and the Bronx during the week just ended and the corresponding week a year ago:

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